

Baseball Season Opener Scheduled Feb. 9

According to LeTourneau University Baseball Coach Dave Diehl, prospects look promising for the 1991 season with five returning lettermen, including co-captains Mark Young and Jimmy Jackson.

Young, a 1990 NCCAA All-District and All-American player and Jackson, a 1990 NCCAA All District honoree, bring talent and experience to the squad in the outfield, on the pitching mound, and at the plate.

Young is a centerfielder and number one rated pitcher from Chester, while Tatum native Jackson anchors left field and will also see time on the mound.

Senior Scott Wier lettered at catcher in 1990 and is improving rapidly. He is in competition with C. J. Atkinson, a freshman who was a high school All-District player from Tyler.

Junior Brad Waltemire, lettermen at second base and part-time catcher, will have competition from transfer Scott McDowell of White Oak and freshman Scott Haddix of Indiana.

Junior Dale Black brings experience to the pitching staff.

Shortstop will be handled by freshman Lance Standley of Dallas, who will also contribute in the pitching rotation. First base will be covered by sophomore Steve Sechrist, a strong leftlander converted from outfield.

Third base will most likely be handled by Scott Haddix and backed up by Stan Cundiff, a freshman from Marshall.



The 1991 LeTourneau baseball team expects another winning season.

T. J. Graham, a freshman power hitter, will play in right field, while junior David Noble will provide backup in the outfield and at pitcher.

The remainder of the 19-man squad is composed of freshmen. Included are outfielders Michael Appelt, Kevin Crawford, Scott Davis, Alan Rice, and infielder John Goswick.

The team strength will quite possibly be hitting, said Diehl. "This squad can hit," he said. And of the six left-handed batters, four are expected to start.

Youth and experience seem to be a question mark. Only a total of nine years of college

experience exists on this squad, yet the new players have had extensive experience at the high school level.

According to Diehl, "Pitchers will need to throw strikes. I have confidence our players can do the job of fielding. If those two take place, I feel sure we will be able to score runs."

Assisting Diehl is former player Aaron (A.J.) James. Coach James will work with the pitching staff. "I am extremely pleased that A.J. can help out," said Diehl. "He was a real asset and leader while he played at LeTourneau. His insight into the game will make a valuable contribution."

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Nathanael Barnes



Steven Dabbs



James Eagle



Kurtis Lynne



Wade Patton



Paul Schulz

responsible for making sure ground troops get air support, so he said he would have a better chance of being called once a ground phase of the war is launched.

Jon Fray (AT'76-'78), a U.S. Navy officer and F-18 instructor pilot, said he went on shore duty at the end of July after three years of sea duty and "my wife and I feel fortunate." His wife, Kristie, gave birth to a girl, Bailey, July 27. "As a Christian, war is not exciting," he said, "but as it goes on, those of us trained are itching to go help." Fray said he was well

acquainted with Scott Spiker, the first Allied soldier killed in the war and a fellow F-18 pilot. "I had flown with him several times," Fray said. "The effectiveness of our military is showing itself and right now we're doing good," he said, "but if it [the war] continues we'll all be over there." Fray said he received an unexpected but pleasant surprise recently when LeTourneau students from the LAS Society called him a few weeks ago to tell him they were praying for him. "That meant a lot to me," he said.

But it isn't just alumni who are involved. Three LeTourneau students have dropped out of school, at least temporarily, to voluntarily enlist in the armed forces. Included are Wade Patton (AT'94), Kurtis Lynne (AT'91), and Nathanael Barnes (AT'94). All three reportedly joined the U.S. Marines. Unless the war lasts more than six months, it is unlikely they will see any fighting because it will take several months to complete basic training.

"I'd be more than happy to be sent over there," said Lynne, 21. "I believe in the importance of the war, in what we're doing over there."

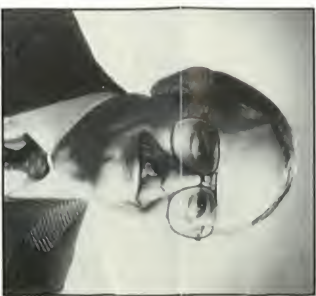
Student reaction to the war has been generally supportive at LeTourneau. A day of prayer and fasting was observed by some students at the beginning of the semester with the goal of a peaceful resolution to the Middle East conflict in mind. A 24-hour prayer sign-up sheet was posted by the campus Post Office with space divided into 15-minute intervals. Students signed up to pray for the Gulf situation at the same time each day to ensure a constant vigil. The Student Senate purchased a wreath for the front of campus with the names of students and alumni involved in Desert Storm listed. Yellow ribbons have also been tied to trees, signs and other items on campus. "We haven't forgotten our friends," perhaps best summed up the sentiment.

AD SPACE AVAILABLE FOR '91 YEARBOOK

Production of the 1991 Pioneer yearbook is underway and advertising space is currently available. Anyone interested in reserving space should contact Robin Gailano, yearbook advisor. Delivery is scheduled for September.

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FINE ARTS FESTIVAL SET FOR MARCH 6-9

The 2nd Annual LeTourneau University Fine Arts Festival will be held March 6-9. Scheduled activities include: Wednesday, 10:30 a.m., performance by the Trinity Singers under the direction of Susan Brumfield and address by Dr. Dan Russ on "Christian Imagination in the Modern World; Thursday, 10:30 a.m., Mozart Concert performed by the Kilgore College Choir under the direction of Dale Miller, and 7 p.m., a movie, "Lust for Life: The Story of Vincent Van Gogh;" Friday, 10:30 a.m., Reader's Theatre presentation of "Death in the Family," and 7 p.m., song, drama and skits by Theatreon, Madrigals and LeTourneau Singers; Saturday, 8:30 a.m., Writing Workshop directed by author Robert Flynn of Trinity University. Special exhibits will also be on display in the Margaret Estes Library and in Heath-Hardwick Hall.